

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

HB 1488, expanding the prohibition against discrimination based on an individual's election not to participate in the state vaccine registry.

Hearing Date: April 13, 2022

Time Opened: 11:47 a.m.

Time Closed: 11:50 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley, Gray, Avar, Sherman and Whitley

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill expands the prohibition against discrimination based on an individual's election not to participate in the state immunization/vaccination registry to include schools, child care agencies, and government health agencies.

Sponsors:

Rep. Prout
Rep. Johnson

Rep. Blasek
Rep. T. Lekas

Rep. Binford

Who supports the bill: In total, **152 individuals** signed in in support of HB 1488. The full sign in sheets are available upon request to the Legislative Aide, Cameron Lapine (cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us).

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Erica Layon

Rockingham County District 6

- Representative Layon introduced HB 1488 on behalf of Representative Andrew Prout.
- Rep. Layon said that in the House process, the Department of Health and Human Services did not oppose HB 1488 and the bill passed the House on the consent calendar.
- Rep. Layon said that HB 1488 expands the nondiscrimination statute as it relates to the immunization registry.
- Rep. Layon said that although RSA 141-C:20-f says that health care providers shall not discriminate solely based on an individual's choice not to participate, Paragraph IV permits a larger list of entities than just health care providers to access immunization

registry data, including schools, day cares, etc. She said that those entities could use that information to know who opted out of the registry and discriminate against them.

- Rep. Layon said that because those other groups could discriminate based on vaccine registry information, HB 1488 is a simple fix. She said that HB 1488 expands RSA 141-C:20-f to say that no health care provider or any entity in Paragraph IV shall discriminate.
- Rep. Layon said that HB 1488 is a clean up bill that makes it clear that if an entity can access the immunization registry, then they cannot use the fact that someone opted out of the registry to discriminate.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 15, 2022